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Aug. 17th

This morning Mk 11:23 comes with force. A mountain is before me. One house to buy [illegible] houses to be built, the moving of [illegible] Christians & the buying of another lot, then the building of houses. All this & we are so young in the work. Mr. E & wife have not been out four years & Miss Mackenzie & myself less than a year. We have houses in Chinkiang but we feel that we ought not to leave here; the work is promising so what are we to do. It is indeed a mountain before us but I hear the words of my Elder Brother say: "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain Be thou removed & cast into the sea; & shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith". So here, I am allowed the privilege of commanding the removal of an apparent impossibility. I put it into the hand of my Lawyer, my Advocate, who can plead my cause before the Judge much better than I & I say 'Have this mountain removed" & then can go on with whatever I have to do simply thinking that it is going to come out for the best & I have my Advocates words. "what things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, & ye shall have them".

Aug 17 2 P.M.

Mr S.S. came around this morning & said that the second wife of the landlord wanted to see Mrs. Pierce. This second wife was a former wife of an official, after his death his property came to her & so through her marriage to the landlord goes to him. She says that they will take Ts. 3000 for the place. This gives a new ray of hope. We at one time ~~said~~ decided that we would give Ts. 2500 but we find so many places for sale & so desirable ones that we are more than ever of the opinion that Ts. 2000 is enough. Is our God not able to do all things! Oh that this would teach me the great lesson that if we commit our way unto the Lord trusting also in him that he will bring it to pass.

Aug. 18th 1895

Last night we received the sad news of death of dear little Eva Tatum in Shanghai from Cholera. She passed away after a sudden attack on last Monday morning Aug. 12th. She was a very bright & interesting child. I considered her much above the average. She has not been well for some time. Her parents considered the advisability of going to Japan this summer on acct. of her health. She is too bitter off now. May the parents hearts be stayed on God.

Today we had services in the "tao ting". The crowd was not large but gave Chinese attention & better. The scholars are very good but the school in Chinkiang seems to be in better condition now than these. The Chinkiang boys are more numerous & better behaved. These could recite more of S.S. lessons. Five of them recited half of lesson & Mr. P. says they could have recited all if he had called for it.

Last night I heard a gong sounding just outside the front gate. It has kept up an almost unceasing racket until now (12 oclock the day following). I have just learned that there is a sick person over there & this is to drive away the evil spirits. Oh that the Lord will use us to carry forward His cause. But before He does that I have to be purified, I have to be cleansed, I have to be lifted above the beggarly elements of the world. That I must be in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. I must be able to say "Get thee behind me Satan" to all the evils of my nature. Would that I could have the Lord's strength more decidedly manifested to me in my terrible weakness. We shall trust in the Lord & He will bring it to pass.

I read Mr Ryles "Call to Prayer" again this week. It is helpful.

Aug. 20

I write before breakfast. Yesterday Mr. P. & I visited the C.I.M. place where Mr Andrews stays & the Northern Methodist place. They are both nice large places & well fixed. I am

more & idea than ever & we ought to get this place quite cheap. Rs. 1800 being a good price. Well did not learn a lesson from this, we ought to do so.

Mail was looked for yesterday but Foo Chong did not send. We hope to get foreign mail today:

Yesterday I was talking with one & church members fr. 1 country. Foo Chong I cd. not understand all & he said & would some times repeat what he had already said in order to keep up 1 conversation. Presently he told me & he was 1 oldest child. I said "Ah, that is good or you are honored." He answered "O tsuen bun ter hun" "I am very dull" I not knowing what it meant said "Ni tsuen ---" & tried to repeat it but cd. not Bro. P. overheard his remark & called to me tethy me 1 meaning. "Go slow in China"

We went out looking at land yesterday while out I gave a tract to a boy after I had talked with him a while & when I left 1 group & boys I bowed to him & said "Good bye" We had not gone far when I heard someone



behind me humming (singing) some kind & tune & repeating 1 words "Jesus loves me". I looked back & said it was this same boy. Ma SS. said "Where did you learn & so well" He said "The ladies & C.I.M. taught me". We can sow now & we know not when & where 1 seed may germinate.

Aug. 21st.

Bro. P. & myself went to look at a place yesterday near the North gate. I am favorably impressed with it. Miss Box & Henry & C.I.M. both of Australia came to call on Mrs Pierce yesterday They are pleasant ladies. They h: staid here through the whole summer. American mail yesterday. Mine has not yet come. Prof. Chas. H. Winston, chair of Physics in Richmond College has been Elected Pres & F.M. Board to succeed Dr. Harris Res. E.Y. Mullins has been chosen assistant corresponding secretary.

Aug. 22

American mail not yet come. Patience. The man who has a place at 1 South gate to sell is in Nankin - Patience

In Hampton Guardian - July 10th 1895. occurs this sad notice Death of J.E. Morrison

A very sad death occurred at Lawtonville, last week. "Jos. E. Morrison, after a week's sickness quietly passed away. He was 1 son & Capt J.V. Morrison & only 30 yrs. old. He leaves a wife & two small children. Our sympathies are extended to 1 bereaved ones".

It is certainly true that they need our sympathies. A widow who does not know a single immediate relative on earth, one who cannot claim blood relation with any one whom she knows to be thus left is indeed sad. It was always a pleasure for me to be around at their home. Joe was always so kind & considerate of me. Little did I think when I left America & he wd. be 1 first & immediate family to be called away. The Lord be near to Sister Katie & the little ones. Death is always sad but sadder under some cases such as a young persons demise than under others. May our God comfort. Bub has nobly



taken them in. Cousin Carol offered them a home & T.D. Peoples wife did also. God reward them all for their kindness.

The death of Mrs. Thom in Chinking from Cholera is announced. Young, in good health, in good financial circumstances, & now so soon to leave all. Oh that we would learn lessons from this. Man how, Lawton how can you be idle when so much is to be done. Bestir yr. self Be up & doing. Work while it is day for 1 night soon comes - so soon when no man can work.

Sister & Do. have settled in Columbia. What a lovely Sister. Oh + God. wd. be very near to her now in her new. shere & life.

Miss Maggie who wrote me a nice little letter. I am so glad that she is going to Baltimore to the B.Y.P.U. The letter though a little one was so considerate, kind & on her part so self-sacrificing. God has truly blessed me in giving me such a woman

In His own good time He will bring her to me & oh! He must see us entirely for His glory. We want health & we shall work to have it & if it is God's will we can do much work for our Master.

Aug 23

Off for Chinkiang this AM. 5.30. Hope to return this P.M.

9.45 P.M. Am back from the trip. It was one to be remembered. I left at 6.30 instead of 5.30 Going down wrote Sis Katie & Father, also read some in "Good Health" & the "News & Courier". Ate dinner at 11.30 & reached Chinkiang at 12.00 Went up to Foochong Miss Mackenzie's, Dr Cox's, Gen. Jones', & the shoe makers packed up the things we wanted & started back at 2.45 At 5 oclock we had crossed the river. At 6.30 I left the boat about 27 li from Yangchow & walked in. Dark & dreary was a part & work I almost scared the life out of a woman by asking her how far it was to Mr. Pierce's She returned the compliment by a leap & a holloa which made me doubt my safety for I feared she wd. raise a mob & lynch me.

How my heart was saddened to see in the Baptist Courier that Mrs. Dunbar Lamar (nee Miss Annie Black) was dead. She was a true woman, a noble Christian a loving mother & a good wife. I shall never forget her kindness to me while I was in Beech Island. May the Lord raise up one to take care of the little ones.

Aug. 26th

Saturday Bro. Pierce made out a course of study for this mission. I read some on & Williams Middle Kingdom but have not yet quite completed it. My eyes have been troubling me considerably for a few days & so I have to hold up on reading, writing &c. Today I want to begin to Study. I am getting so eager to learn this language. I want to talk & tell of Christ.

I have just completed 1st Vol Williams Mid le Kingdom 536 pp. It is a very comprehensive work & shows an amount of study & research on the part of the author. Let us be thankful that so much information about things Chinese have been collected & so well written for our information.

Aug. 28

Completed Trilby this P.M. "Good or bad"? you say. My answer is that it is good & bad both. The object of which as I see it is that men & women sd. be judged by ye same standard of morality or that fallen women sd. be allowed to rise as fallen men are allowed to do. To this I have always held, but I am of opinion that ye standard for action of men sd. be raised to that of women & not that we sd. lower our standard. I believe in merit for merits sake, I believe in holding up & trying to help up.

As to ye theology therein contained its about ye kind ye world is seeking after & therefore it is popular. I wd. be glad if my hell ended on this earth & that ye future existence of all was only blissful, but this I cannot believe.

The style is easy, every-day, go-easy kind English mixed with French & German. Perhaps when he writes next he will have learned more English & will not have to borrow French so freely.

The plot is interesting enough to keep one awake. The three Englishmen were quite natural but most of ye other leading actors seemed a little overdrawn.

The book is quite popular now-a-days. It might have been wider, from a "parsons" point of view, for I write to have had something else in mind than simply

"A little pity to match ye sorrow
Of each day's growing – & so, good morrow!"

but as ye author seems to have felt some good was done, we shall hope so. There is no doubt but that Trilby was a very fine woman in many respects but she was rather too ignorant of proprieties for a civilized person of 19th Century.

Aug 29

Board 16.00 Boat to C. 80 stamps 41, points 10, ! Washing 44¢ Mail 40¢ Total $18.15. Then there are other small expensenses to be paid to others beside Bro. Pierce.

Aug 30th.

My eyes have been troubling me for a week or more. I truly hope they will not be so bad that I shall have to stop work.

I was surprised and made sad to hear today of the death of Bro. Zia in Shanghai. He was an agreeable man. He leaves a wife & several children. The Lord be very gracious to them & lead them by His wisdom.

Mohammedan uprising in the North West of the Empire is creating quite a sensation at present.

Mrs. Pierce has not been out for some days She does not look well i.e. when she was last out.



Aug 30th.

In July 1895 Review of Reviews Chas Dickens Jr says "his father "whatever he did he put his whole heart into it, & did as well as ever he could. Whether it was for work or for play he was always in earnest. — — walking, riding, picnicking, amateur acting, public reading, or 1 every day hard work 1 his literary life — it was all one to him."

How very important it is in every life. If we have not the earnestness in the work & we should have can it not be cultivated. There is much to do — too much to do all away 1 time. Why not enter into life! If it is for Gods glory surely we can & will.

Sept 1st.

Mail tonight. Letters from Mother, Sis, Dr. Bury & C.T. Taylor also cousin Shelly. Mother sent me a picture of Sis & Dr. in their wedding costume. Thankful that all is as well at home as it is. Mother says Sis Katie does not look at all well.

Sept. 2nd

Alexander Maclaurin says: "Self surrender is the essence of Christianity". Then the more completely we surrender ourselves the nearer we are like Christ. "I seek not yours but you". We are not to surrender simply those things which we possess, wealth, talent & time but ourselves. That seems very easy to do but oh it is so hard. It means daily sacrifices & a crucifying of our natural man.

I'm thinking about going to Soochow tomorrow. A long & undesirable trip but must be taken some time. I'm inclined to think "the sooner the better.

Cousin Geo Clarke & Dr Johnson were ordained as deacons in Lawtonville not long since. The Lord be their wisdom & strength & fill them with His Spirit in the inner man.

We are still trying to buy a place. We know it is best to go slow for in this way we are more apt to get a good place & not so apt to give two prices for it. We feel that we have been guided thus far



by our Heavenly Father. May we not take one step unless we feel that it is His hand leading us.

I decided today not to go down to Soochow for my goods until I go on to Shanghai in Oct for our meeting. This will save me a long & tiresome trip. I am now reading "Reveries of a Bachelor." It is quite good. I have just read his reverie over his cigar lighted with a coal — Quite natural & takes of the young boy in love well.

Sept. 3rd

Mr Pierce sent "Shean Yan" (little goose or gosling) to Chinkiang for some things. He was ofcourse expect to walk as he had been doing when he used to carry 1 milk down there every day when Mr & Mrs P. were in C. 1 time before 1 last. When he returned last night he went to Mr. P. & said "what do you think is right for me to pay donkey-man? I thought 300 cash enough but he doesn't seem to think so!" It showed 1 tact in 1 fellow & yet it showed + he didn't know how to deal with

sorry kind of foreigner. He didn't get his money.
We are still watching for a place. We are confident that a place that will be best for us will be pointed out if we will but trust implicitly in our Father.
I read in Chinese this evening with them all. This is my first attempt in the Mandarin. I must try to keep it up from now on.

Sept 5 (Thursday)

Had a walk with Bro. Pierce this P.M. on one of prominent streets of Yangchow. It was neat & clean for a Chinese point of view. We bought seven apples for 20¢. They were nice & mellow. Saw pomegranates, crab apples, pears, quinces, small melons. I was surprised to see the "tanyer" on street this P.M.
Bro. P. preached at "Dah ty hong".
I am now studying Dr. Mateers Mandarin lessons. I am not working hard but am working harder than I have been. Maclaren says truly "The harder our work the more we need solitude & prayer without which work becomes mechanical & insincere."

Mrs. Pierce has not been well for some time she seems to have a depressed feeling or what is called at home the "blues". How I wish I could help her.
A bid came in today for a piece of land near the South gate at $1600 which is worth about $1400 but which we foreigners ought to be able to get for $800. We told them we did not want it.

Sept 9th (Saturday)

Another week's work is done. Today I completed Ridpaths History of U.S., "M. Marvels Reveries of a Bachelor" and the first twenty lessons in Mateers Mandarin Lessons &c. that part which we have to study during our first year.
As to Ridpaths History. It is good so far as I can judge but it is decidedly partisan in regard to the late war. Not that he misrepresents in direct statements but simply that his love for the North makes him favor the battles in favor of that section. His description of Centennial at Philadelphia

is minute — it seems to me to be too much so for the kind & history that he has. The book is highly spoken of at home being considered one & very best on U.S. History.

As to "Reveries of a Bachelor" I must say that I can say no less than that they were good from beginning to end. An easy style & so natural to life. There is no part of the book which is tiring.

I was sorry & grieved today to hear of the death down in Shanghai of Preacher Wong. He had consumption & passed away last Sunday. His death was a testamony, an argument for christianity. He was our only preacher Truly the Lords hand is upon us. "Let us draw near to God & He will draw near to us". It is all the Lords work, we are all in His hand let us live for Him & we will be ready to dye for Him.

We are making progress slow in regard to buying. We feel however & we are going forward. We want a place convenient to reach the people from — both those in the country & those in the city, we want as quiet a place as we can get (which I think we will fail to find), we want a place near enough to the walls for the ladies to have walks from so that they can keep their health & then we want a place large enough for two houses at least & near other openings were we can add to our work when the Lord opens the way.

Mr. & Mrs Pierce, Ethel, the nurse, and myself had a nice boatride this P.M. We started from the "Tsor Kwa Men" & went past the N.E. corner & city, out to where 1 camps are. The Evening was pleasant & I think all enjoyed it.

My eyes have gotten well. For this I cannot be too thankful. They were affected from the use of a candel to read by at nights. Take warning & dont try that again

Lawton

Sept. 8th

Pleasant day we have had. Services this morning & this P.M. I read Western Recorder & Examiner also wrote to C.T. Taylor, Maggie & Bury. Have not felt so well today but do not think it is any thing serious.

Sept 9th Monday.

On the Grand Canal going to Chinkiang to see about the house &c. Miss Mackenzie says someone has gotten into it. I am not very much surprised as the locks &c did not seem to be the best in the world. Mr & Mrs P & Little Ethel the amah & the cooky are along. We hope to return tomorrow.

We are hoping to get a place near the North Gate. They offered it for $650 & have fallen to $550. We want to get it for $500 Mex. & I think we will.

Down the N.C. Daily news of Sept 8th 1895. I copy the following

Result of English election 1895

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| Conservatives --- | 338 | 411 |
| Dissentients | 73 | |
| Liberals | 177 | |
| Nationalists | 70 | 259 |
| Parnellites | 12 | |

Sept 10th

Made a quick trip back today for C. Left there at quarter of eleven & reached here at half past two.

I told one of the boatmen today that "o feh ting ne tih shao" meaning I did not hear what he said Mr. P. said you told a fellow & you would not listen at his words.

Man has come down to $500 Mex. for the place near the South Gate. I do hope we can get it for $400.

Nice mail yesterday. Mother, Maggie, L.M. Rice, Cousin Shelly, Bro Trump, Miss C. Osborne, F.C. Cleveland & Bro Britton. Good news all around for which we are thankful. Lost the

key to Bro. Pierces study somewhere sometime today & had a nice time climbing, taking out window glass, crawling through filing a key &c. Moral. Don't loose keys.

Sept. 12th.

Am not doing so much this week as I had desired to do but I am trying to study as much as my head will allow me to do.

Last night a bat came in my room & flew around for some time. I suppose Mother wd. not come to China because there are bats here We have been eating some tamies lately. They are very fine & remind me of the boy days when when I used to get them at home. & saw a great deal of the peeled bulrush yesterday. The natives use it for making light. One end is stuck in oil & the other is lit.

The buying & place we hope is coming to a close. They said they wd. not drop below $500 so we are trying to have 1 West wall



in connection with what is already up, which will save us about $150. They have almost consented. We are not going to press it for what is the use, it only spoils the fun. Let us learn a lesson of patience while dealing with these Chinese.

Sept. 13th. Friday.

We have offered $500 Mex for the place provided they allow us to use the West wall. This will save us more than a hundred dollars. I hope we shall get it. Bro. Pierce & myself went over to see Mr. Andrews this P.M. about buying property - we want to be on the safe side. In a letter to Bro. Totten I made them the offer of allowing the Shanghai brethren to build the rest of the wall around the place. We must work & trust.

Today I feel so much better than I did yesterday. I do not seem to be burdened down with work as I was on yesterday & yet I have as much to do. I think the difference is today I have tried to compose myself & do well what I do. My weeks work was terribly interfered with by my Chinkiang trip but the trip made me feel better.